GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL TRADE OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware that illegal trade of coal is causing loss of crores of rupees to the exchequer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments are also reportedly found in black marketing of the coal; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKER PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Coal sales to the non-core sector are done by Coal IndiaLimited(CIL) against linkages and sponsorships or under the open sales scheme. The subsidiaries of CIL have asked the State Governments concerned to verify the linkages and sponsorships.

(c): No such facts have come to the knowledge of the Government.

(d): Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.